

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 13 and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 13 are amended. The amendment to claim 1 only changes the form of the verb and to claims 2-6 and 13 to identify the device and have no bearing on the claim scope. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration because the amendments are to correct an informality and to obviate an objection; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to comments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Santiago at the interview held December 22, 2005, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

The Office Action objects claims 2-6 for informalities. Claims 2-6 are amended, as suggest by the Office Action, to obviate the objection. Because the amendments are only to correct informalities, Applicant believes that the amendments do not change the scope of claims and thus are not narrowing. Accordingly, no new issues should be raised, and that the patentability of the claims are not affected by the amendments. As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0158577 to Shimoda et al. (Shimoda) in view of JP 2001-166311A to Murade. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a power connection part formed in a concave part and that the power connection part supplies power to each of a plurality of light emitting parts.

The Office Action alleges that the Shimoda teaches this feature. However, as discussed during the interview, as shown in Figure 3 and described at [0063], Shimoda teaches that a microstructure 12 is provided inside the concave 11, and a wiring 14, which provides power to the electrodes, is provided outside the concave 11. Accordingly, Shimoda does not teach or suggest this feature.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the applied art.

Claims 2-6 and 13 are allowable at least for their dependence on claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite.

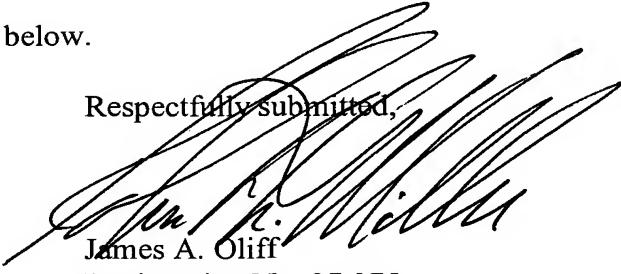
Claim 14 recites common feeders formed in the concave part and that the common feeders supply power to each of a plurality of light emitting parts. Similar to the above discussion with respect to claim 1, none of the applied art teaches or suggests these features. Accordingly, claim 14 is patentably distinct from the applied art.

At least for these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6, 13 and 14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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